

Election

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

Election of Species

In response to the Examiner's office action dated January 4, 2010, in addition, Applicants provisionally elect species b), namely unsaturated fatty acid permeation enhancer.

The claims which read on the elected species are 1, 5-7, 9-10 and 15, with claims 1 and 15 being generic.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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